



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**John Hoeven**  
Governor

PROCLAMATION  
**DRUG COURT MONTH**  
MAY 2009

**WHEREAS**, 2009 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first drug court in the nation, sparking a national revolution that changed the face of the American justice system; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past 20 years, drug courts have been restoring lives, reuniting families and making communities across the nation safer; and

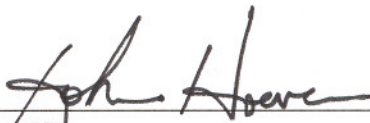
**WHEREAS**, drug courts provide focus and leadership for community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health professionals in the fight against drug abuse and criminality; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 25,000 judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, substance abuse and rehabilitation professionals, law enforcement and community supervision personnel, researchers and educators, national and community leaders, and others dedicated to drug courts and similar types of treatment programs are healing families and communities across the country; and

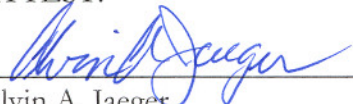
**WHEREAS**, the drug court movement in North Dakota has grown to six juvenile drug courts, five adult drug courts, one tribal drug court and one college drug court; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize the practitioners and participants who make drug courts work and the significant contributions that drug courts have made, and continue to make, in reducing drug usage and crime.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 2009, **DRUG COURT MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

  
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John Hoeven  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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